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Michigan Occupational Safety & Health Administration
(MIOSHA)

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MIOSHA LATEX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 3, 2007 - 9:30 to Noon

General Office Building—Lansing—Conference Room G

AMENDED MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT

Gregory Bozimowski Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists Co-Chairperson
Anthony Burton, MD Concentra Health Services Co-Chairperson
Dee Tyler Michigan Health & Hospital Association {by conference phone}
Lisha Sly UNITE-HERE Union
Margie Vissman Occupational Health Standards Commission Liaison
Michele Goodyear Michigan Society for Clinical Laboratory Science
Terri Wiggins Marriott Hotels

NOT PRESENT:

Thomas Bissonnette Michigan Nurses Association

MIOSHA STAFF PRESENT:

Marsha Parrott-Boyle Standards Section
Dena Hendon Standards Section
Elaine Clapp General Industry Safety & Health Division

VISITORS:

None

Agenda Item #1— Welcome and Introductions – Co-Chairperson Gregory Bozimowski.

The October 3, 2007 MIOSHA Latex Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by Co-chairperson Gregory Bozimowski.

Agenda Item #2— Approval of Minutes from the August 9, 2007 Meeting

The minutes from the August 9, 2007 were unanimously approved by the advisory committee members.

Agenda Item #3-Survey Results

Co-chairperson Gregory Bozimowski compiled the results from the surveys he has received to date from committee members. Dena Hendon compiled the results from the County Health Department Sanitarians and School Nutrition Association. The results were distributed.

The advisory committee reviewed the reports from all committee members. We have not been able to get any response from the Dental Assistants Organization to date. Marsha Parrott-Boyle will try to get responses from dental hygienists which are a part of the Michigan Nurses Association. John Karebian informed Marsha Parrott-Boyle that he would attend the next meeting with the results of the Michigan Nurses Association survey.

Dee Tyler will forward an article on the integrity of latex gloves versus other material.

The results of the submitted responses are as follows:

Facility type		NO latex gloves	YES latex gloves	YES Powdered latex gloves	NO Powdered latex gloves	None Or unknown	Sterile latex gloves	Non-sterile latex gloves	Both Sterile & Non-Sterile latex gloves	None or unknown
All Medical	84	32	52	22	37	25	10	4	39	31
		38%	62%	37%	63%		19%	8%	73%	
Service	23	3	20	11	12	0	3	2	16	2
		13%	87%	49%	51%		14%	10%	76%	
Food	218	167	51	32	19	167	11	31	9	167
		77%	23%	63%	37%		22%	61%	17%	
Total	325	202	123	65	68	192	24	37	64	200
Percentage		62%	38%	49%	51%	---	19%	30%	51%	----

All of the advisory committee members will try to get more responses from the survey's they have sent out. They will send their results to Gregory Bozimowski to be compiled.

Recommendations

Members stated a consensus that the survey gives a good general picture of the use of latex gloves in Michigan. It is obvious that there is still significant use/exposure to latex gloves, including powdered, through-out Michigan.

Initial discussion was held regarding possible recommendations – addressing the possible limitation or discontinuance of use of latex gloves and/or powdered latex gloves in OH Part 433 Personal Protective Equipment and OH Part 554 Bloodborne Infectious Diseases.

Discussion points and recommendations options were:

1. use non powdered latex gloves
2. use low allergenic latex gloves
3. inappropriate use of latex gloves
4. all non sterile be latex free gloves
5. all sterile be low allergen latex gloves
6. latex gloves shall not be used unless there is no other alternative for that person

Dr. Anthony Burton volunteered to draft language to reflect the consensus of the discussion regarding possible recommendations, for review at the next meeting.

Agenda Item #4— Next Meeting Date

Next Meeting Date – November 14th, 2007—Wednesday—9:30 a.m.
General Office Building—7150 Harris Drive—Lansing
Conference Room G

Agenda Item #5—Public Comment

None

Agenda Item #6—Adjournment

With no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

****Minutes were approved as amended at the November 14th, 2007 meeting.****